

2014 NEBRASKA DATA CONFERENCE

April 14 – April 15, 2014

Younes Conference Center - Kearney, Nebraska

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The 2014 Nebraska Data Conference, ***“Connecting More Dots...”***, is scheduled for April 14-15, 2014 in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center.

Registration and emerging details are available at
http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf_Conference.aspx?CID=7.

The sessions will include 2014-15 technical updates, data use strategies and tools, best practice approaches and a partnership with Learning Forward. Targeted audiences include data stewards, school administrators, special education directors, professional developers, teachers, curriculum directors and others involved with collecting, reporting, and using data in Nebraska schools and ESU's.



****Submission Window Reminder** Due Date: April 1**

Title III LEP and Immigrant Counts

Contact: Terri Schuster (402-471-4694 or terri.schuster@nebraska.gov)

On April 2, we will be pulling data from NSSRS to ensure that we have the most current numbers of limited English proficient (LEP) and immigrant students. This data will serve as the basis for district allocations for the 2014-2015 school year for both the Title III LEP and Title III immigrant programs. The following fields in the Student Template are used in determining the Title III allocations: Field 95, LEP eligibility and Field 89, Immigrant indicator. Please check your data to ensure that it is updated.

Student Summary Attendance (Collection period 3: 2014-01-101 to 2014-03-15)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Public districts and Special Purpose systems only

Data used for Excessive Absenteeism Quarterly Count and Extract for State Aid Calculation.

Audit Window: April 2-15



Consultation with Nonpublic Schools for 2014-15 School Year

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) or Edy Clark (402-471-2481 or edy.clark@nebraska.gov)

Nonpublic consultation information was sent to Public School Superintendents and Title I listserv on March 10, 2014. **Forms are due to NDE Federal Programs Office on or before May 1, 2014.** The nonpublic consultation lists and forms NDE 34-014 & NDE 04-012 are available at http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/ESEA_NCLB_Programs.html, or <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20IX.html> beneath the header “Nonpublic Consultation Information.”

The Uniform Provisions Section 9501 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), reauthorized as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), requires that every district receiving grants for federal program(s) provide equitable services and meet the needs of eligible Nonpublic School students and/or teachers and other education personnel. Every public school district in Nebraska having one or more nonpublic school(s) located within the district's geographic boundaries must submit a signed Nonpublic School Participation Form (NDE 34-014) on an annual basis for *each* nonpublic school located within its boundaries.

Districts with Title I programs must contact all nonpublic schools where any low-income children from their district attend to determine if the low-income nonpublic students reside in an eligible attendance area. Districts must conduct a consultation and complete a copy of Form NDE 04-012 for each nonpublic school reporting low-income students. The consultation should include use of remaining school year 2013-14 Title I funds as well as the 2014-15 allocations. The Free and Reduced Lunch data was submitted by nonpublic schools in the fall of 2013 on the "Nonpublic Membership Report," which is in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC).

If you have questions, please contact Edy Clark at edy.clark@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2481. You may also contact the NDE staff person responsible for reviewing the ESEA/NCLB application for your district.



Substitute Teachers in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

This data collection will permit you to upload/enter data regarding substitute teachers that have already been employed during the 2013-14 school year and receive feedback on any data errors or potential violations by your school if the individual does not currently hold a valid Nebraska certificate. By uploading/entering data now, your school will have sufficient time to correct any errors or potential violations to ensure that any substitute teachers hold a valid Nebraska certificate before the data collection closes.

The Substitute Teacher data collection is due on June 16, 2014.

Needs to be completed by ESUs, Public, Nonpublic, State Operated and Interim Programs.



Quarterly Absenteeism data now available on public DRS

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New quarterly absenteeism data, as submitted on the NSSRS Student Summary Attendance template, is now being published on the public DRS under the Quick Facts section. The first two quarters of 2013-2014 can be found in the Student Characteristics section. We will continue to publish additional quarters once the appropriate Audit window for that quarter has closed.



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMS are presented in the following table

INSIGHT/eDirect Test Setup for NeSA-RMS available to districts	March 3
NeSA RMS and NeSA AA Paper/Pencil materials delivered to districts	March 3
Districts Train School Personnel and Distribute Materials	One week prior to test

	window
Distribute Materials to Test Administrators	Same Day as Testing
NeSA-Reading, Math, and Science Testing Window	March 24-May 9
Last Day for UPS to Pick Up Test Materials From Districts	May 7
NeSA WebEX on Reporting	July 7-9
Provide District Access to NeSA RMS reports and Data File on eDirect	July 9
Deliver printed NeSA and NeSA-AA ISRs	TBA

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285+0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted your area's NDE Trainer, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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